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SUBJECT: UNHCR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. DURING COURSE CURRENT 26TH SESSION OF UNHCR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE VARIOUS DELEGATES AND/OR OBSERVERS FROM AFRICAN COUNTRIES HAVE URGED ENLARGEMENT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (PRESENT STRENGTH 31) WITH ADDITIONAL AFRICAN REPRESENTATION.

2. IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION HCR SADRUDDIN AGA KHAN INFORMED US DELEGATION THAT HE HAD BEEN APPROACHED BY A GROUP OF AFRICAN REPS URGING ENLARGEMENT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WITH AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS.

3. ACCORDING HCR, HE DISCOURAGED ANY APPRECIABLE ENLARGEMENT OF EXEC COMM FOR FEAR OF JEOPARDIZING ITS EFFICIENCY. RATHER, HE URGED THE AFRICANS TO ENSURE THAT THEIR PRESENT NUMBERS ON EXEC COMM (ALGERIA, MADAGASCAR, NIGERIA, TANZANIA, TUNISIA AND UGANDA) ASSUME MORE ACTIVE ROLE. HCR OBSERVED THAT MADAGASCAR'S SEAT IS EMPTY AT CURRENT SESSION. HCR ALSO OBSERVED THAT DELEGATIONS OF ALGERIA, NIGERIA AND TUNISIA RARELY PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN EXEC COMM'S PROCEEDINGS.

4. HCR EXPECTS AFRICAN GOVERNMENT TO PURSUE MATTER

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OF ENLARGED EXEC COMM AT ECOSOC AND REQUESTED USG

SUPPORT IN PREVENTING ANY SIGNIFICANT ENLARGEMENT. AS
ALTERNATIVE HCR WOULD LIKE TO LIMIT EXEC COMM TO ITS
PRESENT SIZE WITH PERMANENT MEMBERSHIP OF PRINCIPAL DONOR
COUNTRIES AND ROUTING MEMBERSHIP FOR OTHER GOVERNMENTS
INCLUDING AFRICANS.

5. US DEL CONCURS AND RECOMMENDS CONCERTED EFFORT IN
ECOSOC TO RESIST AFRICAN PRESSURES WHICH WOULD ONLY
TURN UNHCR EXEC COMM INTO MINI-GA. ABRAMS

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